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Applicant(s): Walke *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED MAY 22, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on May 22, 2002, which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including September 22, 2002, which falls on a Sunday and is therefore extended until September 23, 2002 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

Also included herewith are: as **Exhibit A**, a clean copy of the pending claims; as **Exhibit B**, a marked up copy of the original claims; as **Exhibit C**, the results of a BLASTP analysis comparing